



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Friends:

These last two weeks have been important to our County.

The draft zoning ordinance is now being reviewed by both the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Substantial public input will be received as this process moves forward. Just as importantly,

on May 6, the Board will be voting on the concept of the Route 28 tentative agreement, which was released nearly two weeks ago, to help move these critically necessary improvements forward.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.


Scott K. York
Chairman

Route 28 Agreement Important for Loudoun *Other Transportation Improvements Must Be Addressed*

The tentative agreement reached between Loudoun County, Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to put in place the final financing mechanism to make the critically important infrastructure improvements on Route 28 is just one of a number of components needed to successfully address Loudoun County's transportation needs.



This agreement is important, in particular to the Dulles corridor, because Route 28 is such a vital component of our transportation network and to the economic vitality of Loudoun County. With the future opening of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, existing and future economic activity on Route 28 and the potential of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games coming to the Washington metropolitan area, improve-

ments to Route 28 are needed now more than ever.

These improvements, however, are just one piece of the overall transportation puzzle that must be put together. In particular, we must focus our attention on making sure that the resources are put in place to address the myriad of transportation issues facing our County, including road improvements, pedestrian access and public transit.

The culmination of this latest agreement indicates that VDOT understands that for our County to continue to prosper the necessary infrastructure improvements must be undertaken. You can be certain that I will be fighting hard for our taxpayers to make sure that our voices are heard and that Loudoun's transportation needs are successfully met.

Controlling Mosquitoes Key to Preventing West Nile Virus

The Loudoun County Department of Health advises that the best way to prevent West Nile virus infection is to control mosquitoes. You can reduce mosquito-breeding sites around your home or business by eliminating standing water.



Here are some tips on how to do that:

- Turn over containers in your yard where rainwater collects, such as wading pools, potted plant trays, birdbaths, boats, buckets and toys.
- Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Do not allow water to collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
- Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.
- Dispose of old tires. Drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.

Mosquito Protection:

- Avoid getting mosquito bites by using insect repellents and by wearing clothes that are long, loose and light in color. The repel-

lents for adults should contain no more than 20 to 30 percent DEET and less than 10 percent for children.

- Only apply repellent to exposed skin and clothing. Do not use repellent under clothing.
- Do not apply repellent over cuts, wounds, sunburn or irritated skin.
- If possible, stay indoors during early morning and early evening.
- Do not spray repellent on your eyes or mouth. Spray repellent on your hands and then apply to your face.

How You Can Help

The public plays a big role in combating West Nile virus, because the types of mosquitoes most likely to carry it are those that breed in containers found around the home. A big part of the battle to control mosquitoes lies with community residents.

Also, the public can help state officials monitor for the virus by reporting dead birds to the Environmental Health Division of the Loudoun County Health Department at **703-777-0234**. The state will compile data on the number of dead birds reported.

Vacancies on the Loudoun County Historic District Review Committee

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants to serve on the county's Historic District Review Committee. The committee is charged with the protection and preservation of the six county-administered Historic and Cultural Conservation Districts through the architectural review of new construction within the districts. Committee members should be architects, architectural historians, residents owning property on the state or national registers or citizens with demonstrated knowledge of and interest in the preservation of historic structures.

Interested citizens should send a letter with resume to: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Attn: Sally Keefer, 1 Harrison Street, S.E., P.O. Box 7000 Leesburg VA 20177